**Scenic Photo**



Title: First Signs of Fall  
  
Tags: harvest spider, fall, macro, scenic  
  
For this shot, I must have taken at least twenty different photos in order to get this beautiful spider in focus. I used the macro setting to capture this shot. I had to get pretty close to the spider without bothering it. Some shots were in focus and others were not. Finally my hard work and patience paid off because I was able to capture this shot. This harvest spider was in my parents' yard about a month ago; it is no longer there.  
  
Capturing this shot was one of the first times I used the macro setting on my camera. I really had to play with my perspective and angle of the photograph. I tried using the zoom, but those shots were horrid. I tried shooting from behind the spider, but those shots only turned out underexposed. Once I turned on the macro setting I knew I was on to something. Experimenting with the other twenty photos really paid off. I love how the spider is the first thing you see in this shot and I enjoyed testing the different angles in order to capture this great shot.

Self Evaluation

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| Composition | Photograph uses composition principles very effectively. | Photograph does a good job using composition principles. | Photograph does a poor job using composition principles. |
| Focus | Focus is a perfect match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is an adequate match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is a poor match with the concept of the shot. |
| Technical Aspects | Shutter speed and aperture were perfectly chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were adequately chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were poorly chosen and do not match the concept. |
| Depth of Field | Excellent use of depth-of-field. | Adequate use of depth-of-field. | Poor use of depth-of-field. |
| Title/tags | Title and tags were perfectly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are excellent with no mistakes. | Title and tags were adequately chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are good with only minor errors. | Title and tags were poorly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Contains multiple spelling errors or wrong word choices. |
| **Instructor evaluates this section** | | | |
| Self Critique | Excellent self-assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate self-assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor self-assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Critique | Excellent peer assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate peer assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor peer assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Comments | Peer comments exceed expectations. | Peer comments meet expectations. One or two comments might be missing. | Three or more peer comments were missing, incomplete or poorly written. |
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Critique Comments:

**Peer Critique**

<http://thesnapshots.wikispaces.com/Jacki-P_10>

Name: Emily Smith

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Critique Comments: Emily-Jacki, this is a wonderful shot! :O) I love how the fall foliage creates the perfect backdrop for the ultimate shot. I would like to see the flag in the hole to gain the perspective of where the player would be looking. I would suggest that you try several different angles of this shot to see how the feeling of each one changes. Wonderful scene overall!!

**Other Comments**

Donna, this bridge shot is wonderful. I think you did a great job following the rule of thirds for this photo. I'm glad you were able to adjust this in Photoshop. I'm still toying with all the different tools. I would suggest that you also include the original shot with the graffiti; this would give a "sign of the times" scene for this historic bridge. I would also like to see a higher angle shot of this bridge. For me this shot almost focuses on the greenery surrounding the bridge.Nice job! :O)

Michael, another superb photo!! :O) You did an excellent job following the rule of thirds. I like that you included the entire scene and not just the clock tower. Your angle of this shot, I believe, is perfect. Your depth of field is excellent as well. The trees add a nice frame to the scene. My suggestion would be to take this shot on a sunny day, when we have one, and then do a comparison. (I'm reaching here.) Another fine addition to your photography!!

Kevin, I'm glad you survived your near death experience on the guard rail of HWY 27 for this shot. This shot is absolutely amazing. I love your scenic shot of another man's junk as well. You are right in that critiquing photos depends on one's perspective or frame of mind. The colors in your photo are awe inspiring. Thanks for risking your life to capture this shot. I wish my mind "looked" like this scene; my mind is definitely not serene at this point in the semester. You truly do have your own "eye" for creating your photos. I have enjoyed viewing your photos this semester. I do not have any suggestions for improving this photo. To me it is priceless. :O)